

Amendments to the specification:

On page 1, after the title, please insert the following new heading:

Background of the Invention

On page 1, please amend the first paragraph as follows:

The invention relates to a device for connecting the sheath of an electric winding to a ground conductor ~~of the species mentioned in the preamble of Claim 1~~ and to a magnetic levitation railway (maglev train) equipped therewith.

On page 2, before line 1, please insert the following heading:

Summary of the Invention

On page 2, please delete lines 6 and 25.

On page 2, before line 27, please insert the following heading:

Brief Description of the Drawings

On page 3, before line 17, please insert the following heading:

Detailed Description of the Preferred Embodiments

On page 4, please amend the fourth paragraph as follows:

The details of the sleeve 11 configured in accordance with the present invention particularly result from FIG. 3 to 5 in which the sleeve 11 is shown in a position turned by 180° around its longitudinal axis 11a as compared with FIG. 2.

Accordingly, the sleeve 11 comprises a shell 12 with a contour which mainly follows the contour of a cylindrical surface and which is so large that it encircles the winding 4 in a mounted condition by a bit more than a half. The length of the shell 12 in the direction of the longitudinal axis 11a mainly corresponds to the length of groove 2 so that it fills it completely on its entire length after insertion. At one axial end, the sleeve 11 has a stop 14, while it is provided with another stop in form of a connection lug 15 at the other axial end at which a connecting element 16 for a ground conductor 17 shown in FIG. 6 is fastened to. The stop 14 and the connection lug 15 extend transversely to the longitudinal axis 11a roughly in the middle of the sheath bottom and preferably consist of elements being formed to said shell 12, being made of the same material as the shell and being obtained by bending of extensions moulded to the sheath bottom by approximately 90°. The distance of the connection lug 15 from the stop 14 is as large as the width of the long-stator 1 in this direction, so that both of them abut the front and rear side thereof after assembly and the sleeve 11 is thereby fixed axially in a non-movable condition in the relevant groove 2.